CLO. .

Humph!

P/s. Til write to my lord she's dead. O Imogen, Safe niay'st thou wander, safe return again !

||*dside.*

CLO. Sirrah, is this letter true ?

Pis. Sir, as I think.

CLO. It is Posthumus' hand; I knbw't. —Sirrah, if thou would'st not be a villain, but do me true service; undergo those employments, wherein I should have cause to use thee, with a serious industry,—that is, what villainy so'er I bid thee do, to perform it, directly and truly,—I would think thee an honest man : thou shouldest neither want my means for thy relief, nor my voice for thy preferment.

Pis. Well, my good lord.

CLO. Wilt thou serve me ? For since patiently

m my attempt to keep it; " or else the words may be considered as a reply to Cloten's boast of following her to the throne of Augustus, and are added slily : " You will either do what you say, or perish, which is the more probable of the two."—The subsequent remark, however, of Mr. Henley, has taught me diffidence in my attempt to justify the arrangement of the old copies. STEEVENS. I cannot but think Dr. Johnson in the right, from the account of this transaction Pisanio afterwards gave :

e----------Lord Cloten,,
[c] Upon my lady's missing[1], came to me,
,With his sword drawn ; foam'd at the mouth, and swore
[c] If I discovered not which way she was gone, *It tvas my instant death :* By accident,,
[6] *I* had *a feigned letter* of my master's
* Then in my pocket, which directed him
* To seek her on the mountains near to Milford."

But if the words, Or *this, or perish,* belong to Pisanio, as the letter *w&sjeigned,* they must have been spoken out, not aside.

HENLEY.

Cloten knew not, till it was tendered, that Pisanio had such a letter as he now presents ; there could therefore be no question concerning his giving *it freely* or *toith-holding* it.

These words, in my opinion, relate to Pisanio's present conduct, and they mean, I think, " I must either *practise this deceit* upon Cloten, or perish by his fury." M ALONE.